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Financial Report.

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TOWN OF JEFFERSON,

NEW HAMPSHIRE,

For the Year Ending February 28, 1878.

The Auditors submit the following report :

Total valuation, April 1st, 1877, \$247,866 ; No of Polls, 223 ; No. of Horses, 299 ; No. of Cattle, 809 ; No. of Dogs, 79 ; Per Cent. on total value, .0265 on dollar.

AMOUNT OF TAXES

Required to be assessed as follows:

State tax,	\$ 629 00
County tax,	1185 44
Town tax,	4000 00
School tax,	532 00
Highway tax,	1239 33
Total,	—————\$7534 77

Amount received by E. B. Rogers,

Treasurer 1877,

\$10431 53

9694 38

Cash in Treasury,

—————\$737 15

DISBURSEMENTS—SCHOOL MONEY.

District No. 1,	\$109 27
2,	154 37
3,	59 67
4,	100 17
5,	10 40
6,	83 17
7,	66 67
8,	35 17
9,	30 47
Total,	—————\$649 36

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EXPENSES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Benjamin Tuttle, Selectman,	\$ 80 00
Wm. Crawshaw, "	60 00
Ephraim James, "	50 00
E. B. Rogers, Treasurer,	30 00
J. H. Brown, School Committee,	30 00
John A. Hicks, Town Clerk,	20 00
Lewis J. Palmer, Collector,	100 00
	<hr/> \$370 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid John King school money,	\$ 19 32
A. M. Pottle, services as committee on cemetery,	2 00
John Kennett, witness fees in Rines case,	9 90
W. H. Summers, building school house in District No. 9,	275 00
W. W. Holmes, witness fees,	9 90
Benjamin Webster, witness fees,	2 45
E. B. Rogers, witness fees,	4 95
Mrs. Bowles, abatement on taxes,	9 30
J. Ricker, witness fees,	7 95
T. B. Marden, watering trough,	31 65
W. H. Summers, road plank,	1 50
" " " " " Dist. No. 1,	2 24
T. B. Crawford, witness fees,	29 48
S. J. Marden, watering trough,	2 45
Rufus Remick, witness fees,	1 50
Thomas Miller, witness fees,	6 20
S. A. Bennett, school house furniture,	2 86
A. L. Berry, witness fees,	15 00
S. P. Martin, damage for laying out road through his land and building fence,	6 70
Cyrus Clough, witness fees,	80 00
Levi Stalbird, witness fees,	3 70
Reuben Plaisted, watering trough for 1876- 77,	9 52
B. F. Hicks, watering trough,	3 00
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H. Woodward, witness fees,	1 97
William Ingerson, witness fees,	2 45
John Goodall, taking affidavits,	2 00
B. F. Reed, watering trough,	3 00
Charles Crawford on note,	498 56
Nicholas Tuttle " "	356 00
Adeline Chesman " "	1466 64
Sylvanus R. Chesman on note,	1334 10
James J. Barrett on note,	1246 35
Hosea Gray on notes,	786 55
State tax,	608 00
County tax,	1185 44
E. G. Rogers, indictment of turnpike,	37 38
Express and collecting checks,	3 00
Books for town,	8 00
Burns & Heywood,	90 34

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid S. P. Martin, breaking roads,	\$26 43
B. F. Reed, repairing bridges,	3 50
E. James, breaking roads,	5 40
Thomas Thayer, fixing ditch,	5 00
Walter Buck, damage on highway,	3 00
Wm. H. Summers, work on highway,	4 00
G. L. Colby, highway work,	1 25
A. G. Greenleaf, work on highway.	30
J. G. Merrow, " "	3 00
J. Ricker, plank on highway,	17 85
Wm. H. Summers, road plank,	6 55
Freeman Holmes, work on highway,	10 80
Wm. Chamberlain, work and plank on highway,	6 26
A. Lindsay, breaking roads,	1 00
Moses Kimball, breaking roads,	1 00
J. W. Holmes, work done on highway,	6 88
W. F. Jewitt, work on highway,	25 46
Wm. Chamberlain, work on highway,	3 00
Hosea B. Clough, work on highway,	12 00
T. B. Crawford, work on highway,	1 00
A. Bennett, plank for highway,	6 00

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Oscar Stanley, work on highway,	12 75
L. Stalbird, highway work,	8 92
A. W. Rosebrooks, work on highway,	5 50
A. C. Pratt, plank on highway,	6 02
Reuben Plaisted, breaking roads,	2 80
Daniel Keith, work on highway,	9 82
Geo. W. Crawford, breaking roads,	15 00
Geo. W. Crawford, work on highway,	21 00
Wm. B. Ingerson, breaking roads,	1 80
B. F. Reed, damage done wagon,	10 00
James Hight, plank on highway,	5 17
B. F. Reed, plank,	13 74
James Hight, breaking roads.	2 00
C. G. Button, plank furnished,	8 00
W. B. Ingerson, plank furnished.	4 57
Wm. Crawford, damage on plow,	3 00
Wm. Crawshaw, work on highway,	5 10

PAUPER BILLS.

Paid C. H. Burnham, M. D., medical attendance on Annie Verrell,	\$ 8 68
Martin Bean, morphine,	6 50
A. F. Mason, goods for Hayes Holmes,	25 00
Martin Bean, morphine,	6 50
G. H. Beede, board of county pauper,	12 00
C H. Burnham, M. D., attendance on Indian,	8 00
C. L. Plaisted, house rent,	10 00
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OUTSTANDING NOTES.

Julia A. McIntire,	\$1639 20
James J. Barrett,	2500 00
Richard H. Chesman,	1800 00
Louise A. Conner,	1000 00
Hosea Gray,	2000 00
Sarah Caswells,	1629 89
Wm. Gray,	4575 50
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OUTSTANDING ORDERS, &C.

Due Collector Palmer,	\$98 00	
Reuben Plaisted,	5 80	
Wm. Crawford,	3 00	
District No. 4,	55 17	
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DEBTS DUE THE TOWN.

Due from Collector Palmer,	\$3528 03	
“ Coos county,	43 00	
on N. R. Perkins note,	79 45	
on Palmer note,	192 11	
on E. S. McIntire,	131 48	
from E. B. Rogers, Treasurer,	737 15	
on B. H. & P. C. Plaisted,	1111 60	
from Selectmen of 1869,	800 76	
	<hr/>	\$6623 58
Amount of liabilities,	\$15306 56	
due the town,	6623 58	
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Balance against the town,	\$8682 98	

The undersigned, Auditors of the Selectmen and Treasurer's accounts for the year ending Feb. 28th, 1878, certify that we have examined said accounts and find them correctly cast and well vouched.

ABNER DAVIS,
CHARLES CRAWFORD, } Auditors.

Annual Report of the School Committee of the Town of Jefferson for the Year ending Feb. 28, 1878. The following table shows the statistics, which the law requires us to report to the town:

STATISTICAL TABLE:

No. of District.		NAMES OF TEACHERS.		No. of weeks of School.	Whole No. of Scholars,	No. in Reading.	No. in Spelling.	No. in Penmanship.	No. in Arithmetic.	No. in Geography.	No. in Grammar.	No. in U. S. History.	No. between 4 and 14 who have not atte'ed school.	No. between 14 and 21 unable to read and write.
1 Summer	Lizzie J. Kennett	7	32	32	32	32	32	2	21	9	6		4	
1 Winter	Lizzie J. Kennett	9	30	29	29	29	29	8	18	1	5			
2 Summer	Mrs. D. E. Spooner	7	42	42	42	42	42	20	26	10	16			
2 Winter	Mrs. D. E. Spooner	9	60	60	60	60	60	52	20	40	1			
3 Summer	Sarah L. Lewis	9	18	18	18	18	18	7	12	5	1		1	
3 Winter	Ada A. Holmes	7	18	18	18	18	18	3	12	7	1		1	
4 Summer	Carrie A. Nutter	9	30	30	30	30	30	14	23	15	7	2		
4 Winter	Alice Cummings	9	24	24	24	24	24	14	17	7	4		1	
6 Summer	Charlotte A. Holmes	7	24	24	24	24	24	8	15	6	3			
6 Winter	Alanzo L. Berry	8	26	26	26	26	26	3	18	4	2			
7 Summer	Martha Savage	9	22	22	22	22	22		15	12	5			
7 Winter	Etta E. Evans	9	18	18	18	18	18	6	15	9	5			
8 Winter	Cynthia Boyes	21	12	12	11	11	11	11	11	7	1			
9 Summer	Sarah A. Crawford	8	9	9	9	9	9		6	5	1			

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All of the teachers have tried to do their duty. Most of them have succeeded well. Some have evinced superior ability. Generally, the employment of low priced teachers has proved to be expensive economy. In some instances more moral support on the part of parents should have been given the teachers. Much of the tardiness and irregularity of attendance have resulted from the indifference or ignorance of parents relative to the mental wants of their children. Some scholars have been overworked by their parents out of school hours, thus retarding their proficiency, while still more have been allowed to squander the time which should have been spent in school.

With our present double-headed school laws, relative to the employment of teachers, it is vital that districts should elect prudential committees who are up with the times in educational views. Every year brings additional demand for increased educational facilities for the masses. Most of our youth go from the district school to the battlefield of business. Cultivated intellect alone can compete with the unlettered foreigner in our midst. The immortal Webster well said that "there is always room enough higher up." More money should be raised for the support of our schools. Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH H. BROWN,

School Committee of Jefferson.

Jefferson, N. H., February 28, 1878.

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